

FREDERICK COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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Minutes of Meeting

Welcome

Faith Klareich called the meeting to order at 3:00PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

Attendance:

Members

<u>X</u> Faith Klareich	<u>X</u> Tiffany Fossett	<u>X</u> Mark Sankey
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bird	<u>X</u> Elizabeth Law	<u>X</u> Ben Springer
<u>X</u> John Ferri	<u>X</u> Nathan Pool	<u>X</u> William Steigelmann

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons:

<u>X</u> Dawn Ashbacher, Manager, Climate and Energy, Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment	<u> </u> Kai Hagen, Frederick County Council Liaison
<u>X</u> Shannon Moore, Director, Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment	

Clarification of By-Laws/Vote on Faith Klareich to a Second Term

1. Bill Steigelmann requested a motion to approve Faith to a second term. Mark Sankey made a motion to reappoint Faith to the Sustainability Commission. Betty Law seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Faith explains John Ferri is continuing on the Commission, per the by-laws, until a replacement is for his position is found.
3. Faith requests a motion for Bill Steigelmann to be voted in as Vice Chair and Tiffany Fossett be voted in as Secretary. John Ferri made a motion that Bill become the Vice Chair and Tiffany become the Secretary. Mark Sankey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2022, meeting: Mark requested a motion to approve the open session minutes. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark requested a motion to approve the closed session minutes. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Division of Energy and Environment (formerly Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources (OSER):

1. Shannon updates
 - a. Announced update of name from OSER to DEE
 - b. Presented highlights from the office over the last year
 - c. Faith asked about if the Commission could have a summary of the highlights from DEE for outreach. Shannon replied about a job opening for communications manager that could help put it together.
 - d. Faith shared that DOE and DOT announced they will be having meetings on EV infrastructure.
 - e. Mark asked about Shannon's position and who manages stormwater at the Division. Shannon replied they hired a department head for stormwater.
2. Dawn updates
 - a. Announced new project manager joining DEE
 - b. Presented updates on programs
 - i. Requested FCSC give special attention to the Power Saver Retrofits program
 - c. John asked how the new Division affects the FCSC. Shannon replied nothing has changed.
 - d.

Quarterly Report to County Executive

1. Faith said John and Mark have volunteered to gather report
 - a. Mark requested the head of each subcommittee submit a summary for the report to him and John

Sustainability Awards

1. Discussion and votes
 - a. Commercial business with under 50 employees category
 - i. Majority vote for #3
 - b. Commercial businesses with more than 50 employees category
 - i. Unanimous vote for #6
 - c. Individual category
 - i. Unanimous vote for both #7 and #8 being awarded
 - d. Nonprofit category
 - i. Majority vote for #10
 - e. Student category
 - i. Unanimous vote for #11

Meeting Format Moving Forward (Virtual vs. Face to Face)

1. Discussion

- a. Betty expressed preference of virtual.
 - b. John introduced changing the time of the meetings.
 - c. Mark asked Dawn about hybrid meetings. Dawn replied it is not an option at this time.
 - d. John asked Dawn if it is possible to change the time. Dawn replied she would check.
2. Faith requested a motion to continue with virtual meetings. Bill made the motion to continue with virtual meetings. Betty seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 3. Faith opened discussion on changing the time of meetings.
 - a. Faith asked commissioners their preferences.
 - b. Faith decided to not decide now but to discuss changing the time further next month.

Status of Sugarloaf Comments

Mark said the Commission missed submitting the comments to the Planning Commission by their July 13 meeting and will be forwarded to the County Council, but the Planning Commission recommended Plan is available [online](#) for review and comments can still be presented to the County Council.

Subcommittee Updates

- South Frederick Corridor Plan – Faith updated that the draft is before the Planning Commission, available [online](#), and that the revised draft should be going before the Scoping Group again.
- Green Resources Energy Action Team (GREAT) – Bill said there are no updates
- Sustainability Awards- Faith/Jenn agreed this item was already covered during the agenda item
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Faith said more work needs to be done before moving forward with the subcommittee.
- Dawn followed up on Sustainability Awards subcommittee to tell the commission the plan is for the Green Homes Challenge and Sustainability awards to be October 20 @ 6:00 – 8:00 and will share more details later.

Commissioner Interests

- Bill shared
 - group in Middletown collects scrap metal from old appliances and donates proceeds to local charities.
 - Offered to provide information on electric grid reliability at cost.
 - Shared concerns about allowing nuclear power units to run proposed 80 years.
- Betty shared some of her areas of focus on environment while campaigning for political office.
- Bill reminded the Commission of the importance of radon testing.

- Tiffany shared UMD is looking for innovative ideas to help the Potomac Watershed.
- Mark said he would like to join the GREAT committee soon.

Future Meeting/Speakers/Topics

- John said he would like to see someone speak on the [United Way's ALICE Report](#)

Public comment:

No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

A recording of this meeting can be found on the Frederick County Sustainability Facebook page.

The council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting will be August 17, 2022.